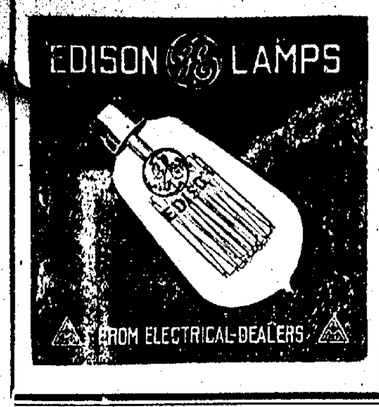

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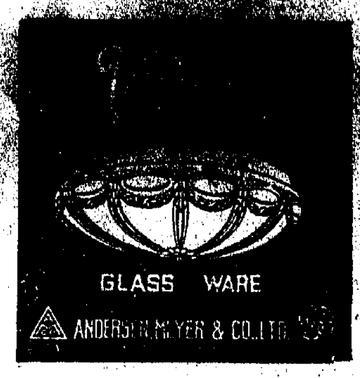

THE SILESIAN SITUATION.

Sixty Thousand Poles in the Field; Germans Gathering.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 11.

It is authoritatively stated in London that the Polish insurgents in Silesia number sixty thousand. Besides the Pless and Rybnik districts, they are established in Lubnitz and Rosenberg. A report that a German force of some thousands, including deserters from the Reichswehr, are assembling near Rosenberg is regarded as a serious development. It is recognised that the Germans have hitherto shown the greatest self-restraint, but the good impression of their attitude made in authoritative British circles will be neutralised by an attempt to appeal to force. The most serious view is taken of the attitude of the Warsaw Government over recent happenings, strengthening the conviction that the extreme gravity of the position is imperfectly appreciated at Warsaw.

Reported Allied Dissensions.

Later.

A serious feature of the Silesian revolt is the possibility of Allied differences. There is little doubt that Korfanty's adventure was planned and carried out under the blessing, if not with the connivance, of the Polish Government, which was disappointed at the result of the plebiscite and fearing a partition which would give Germany a fair share of the coalfields. There is already talk of resignations of the Italian and British members of the Plebiscite Commission, owing to the attitude of the French troops, who received the insurgents in friendly fashion, leaving the Italians and British to bear the whole brunt.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Pointed Questions in Parliament.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Neil MacLean asked whether the Government intended to renew the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, whether the terms of the Treaty would be submitted to the House of Commons for ratification, whether the Government would insist upon Japan recognising obligations to maintain the independence and territorial integrity of Korea and China, and whether restoration of Korea's national institutions and cancellation of the China-Japanese Treaty resulting from Japan's ultimatum to China of May 1915 would be made conditions of the treaty.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the question of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance would be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Imperial Cabinet. He was unable at present to make a statement concerning same.

Commander Kenworthy: Will there be an opportunity for discussion in the House of Commons before the final ratification?

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he could not make pledges hampering the treaty powers of the Crown, but the Government would give information to the House as soon as it properly could.

GREGORY'S FINE DISPLAY AGAINST YORKS.

Hobbs' Injury Deprives England of their Best Batsman.

London, May 11.

At Bradford in fine, if dull, weather, before 13,000 spectators, the Australians scored 263 runs against Yorks, Gregory making 104 not out in 2½ hours in a sound and chanceless innings which included seventeen fours. Rhodes took five wickets for 87. Yorkshire scored 26 for one.

It is stated that Hobbs' injury cabled on the 5th inst. will not permit him to play in the first Test match, a specialist having ordered a month's rest.

[In the match Mr. Lionel Robinson's Eleven *versus* the Australians, Hobbs scored 85, retired hurt. The injury is evidently more serious than at first appeared, and the absence of this sterling batsman will be a severe handicap in the opening Test match against the powerful visiting combination.]

WAGE REDUCTION IN COTTON INDUSTRY.

Operatives to Oppose Employers' Full Demand.

London, May 11.

The Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association has notified the weavers of the intended 30 per cent. wages reduction. The Northern Counties Textile Trades Federation has received notice on behalf of the operatives, who have not made an alternative offer, but state that they will consult their organisations and meet the employers on the 18th inst. It is understood that the employers' full demand will be strongly opposed.

DAMAGED MAIL FROM INDIA.

Bulk Delivered: Some Still Being Dealt With.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, replying to Capt. W. Shaw, Mr. Kellaway said that no delay occurred here in dealing with the bales in the damaged mail from India reported on the 21st ult. The bulk had been delivered within a couple of days, but some damaged postal packets were still being forwarded from Marseilles.

THE ADMINISTRATION AT SINGAPORE.

Governor to be Asked to Report.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question alleging inefficient municipal Government at Singapore, Major Wood, Under Secretary for the Colonies, stated that he was asking the Governor for a full report on the matter.

THE COAL STRIKE.

"Situation much more Critical."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 11.

At the conclusion of the meeting at which the Transport Workers' executive arranged a joint conference with the Railwaymen's executive for the 13th inst. to consider steps further to tighten the boycott of seaborne coal, the Secretary, Mr. Robert Williams, who is regarded as an extremist, stated that the present situation is much more critical than was the case three weeks ago. He said that the delegates from the Gas and Electrical Unions had reported to the Transport Workers' executive that members were refusing to handle coal discharged by blackleg labour. No distinction will be made regards supplies from overseas.

Caledonian Railwaymen Suspended for Non-Compliance.

London, May 11.

Nine Caledonian railwaymen have been suspended for refusing to work a coal train.

Supersession of Coal.

London, May 12.

Despite the Transport Works' blockade the Government is importing coal freely and moving it about the country. Imports are coming from France, Belgium and America. It is estimated that America is sending a hundred thousand tons. It is declared that the transport workers are divided among themselves, and that if matters are pushed to a sympathetic strike half will not obey.

A further twenty Caledonian railwaymen have been dismissed and a Scottish railway strike is threatening. Meanwhile oil fuel is making the widest headway. It is stated that industries and public services will never again be wholly dependent upon coal. Thousands of works and factories are fitting oil burners. London's Electric Railways begin the consumption of fuel oil to-day.

THE SHIP STEWARDS' STRIKE.

Directors and Staff Volunteer as Substitutes.

London, May 12.

The office staff of the Cunard Company at Liverpool, including the managers and directors, made a dramatic reply when asked whether they would volunteer to substitute the striking stewards and others. Three hundred signed on for the Aquitania, which is sailing for New York on Saturday. The directors and managers are sailing on the same footing as the clerks, donning blue uniform and performing the same duties.

EXPORTS CREDIT SCHEME.

Financing of British Possessions in Abeyance.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, Major Sir P. Lloyd Graeame (Director of Overseas Trade) asked Mr. Macquisten to repeat his question after Whitsuntide as to whether the Government intended to extend the exports credit scheme for Europe to British Possessions particularly India and the Far East, British East Africa, and Australasia. Mr. Macquisten also asked the Government to consult banks established in London with branches overseas before committing itself, in order to avoid heavy losses to merchants and the Government.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE NEAR EAST.

Greeks circumscribed by Allied Proclamation.

Constantinople, May 11.

At a meeting of the Allied High Commissioners, Admirals and Generals, it was decided to proclaim the neutrality of Constantinople, the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles in the Turko-Greek struggle. The Greeks are accordingly unable to use Constantinople as a base, and will be invited to reduce their troops there to a minimum and be required to withdraw warships to outside the three-mile limit. The Greeks are thus reduced to supplying the Brussa and Ismidt fronts solely from Zodosto.

FIRST FISCAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons the first of the fiscal resolutions, providing for a Customs duty of 33 1/3 per cent. on the value of certain specified articles, was carried by 236 votes against 72. The House proceeded to debate the second resolution dealing with dumping and countries with depreciated exchange.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, May 12.

Luk Wing-ting has wired to the Central Government that he will declare war against Kwangtung and begin his offensive measures so soon the mobilisation of his forces in complete.

The Premier has returned from Tientsin and he has informed the President that there was no formal conference. What really took place was a consultation between the Tuchuns on the important question of the country's position.

A contract has been signed between the Government and the French Industrielle Bank for the building of a tramway track in Peking.

(Other Telegrams on Page 12.)

THREE MEMBERS OF THE NEW GERMAN CABINET

HERR BAUER
Vice-Chancellor

HERR ROBERT SCHMIDT
Labour Minister

HERR OTTO GESSLER
Minister of Defence

YAUMATI MURDER.

Sequel to Love Affair.

On receipt of information yesterday the police visited the ground floor of No. 448 Reclamation Street, Yaumati, where a woman had been stabbed. She lived at another house in the same street, and her mission to the No. 448 and the motive of the assault remain to be explained.

The woman was in a dying condition, bleeding copiously from wounds on the back and other parts of her body, and during the whole time Inspector Browne was taking her dying depositions a man was hiding under the woman's bed. He was dragged out by a detective. The woman succumbed to her wounds after giving her statement to the police.

When charged before Magistrate G.N. Orme this morning, the man admitted the murder, which the police believed to have been the climax of a love affair. The case was adjourned for a week.

CANTON NEWS.

Bowing to the President.

On the day of the inauguration ceremony an audience chamber was prepared in the old Military Yamen in which President Sun Yat-sen would grant audiences in future. The only thing in the room is the President's chair, placed right in the middle. It is said that even Dr. Wu Ting-fang has to accord three bows to the President, but when Chan King-ming and a number of military officials arrived the other day Dr. Sun went out to meet them and refused the audience ceremony.

Military movements continue to take place, troops leaving for the west. It is impossible to ascertain the true position beyond Wuchow, owing to the strict censorship of the Government.

Prior to his election Dr. Sun stated that after he had been elected $10,000,000 would be remitted to the Canton Government from sympathetic merchants abroad. But this hope has not been realised and it is stated that all the officials in the Military Government have not even paid what is due from them under the 60 per cent system.

The post of Minister of Finance has been assumed by Lui Chun-hoi, who has handed over the seals of the Provincial Treasury to Ma Yuk-long.

A joint proposal has been made by the military officials at the front that the pay of the civil officials in Canton should be reduced by half, in order to save money with which to meet military expenses. It is said that Chan King-ming is in favour of the proposal.

DAY BY DAY.

We are asked to state that the raffle for the late Mr. Vanstone's piano and gramaphone resulted as follows:—1st. prize, piano, C. Sterling (ticket 260); 2nd. prize, gramaphone and 50 records, W. Ward (ticket 201).

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The snapping of the rigging of the sail of a junk caused the death of one of the crew in Kwai Chung creek, Tsin-wan on Wednesday morning. The sail fell on the unfortunate man, knocking him into the water. He was drowned.

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A report was made to the police yesterday of the well-known confidence trick of exchanging jewellery or money, for a parcel of wastepaper, which was practiced by a Chinese, near the Po Hing theatre, Yaumati. The swindler met his victim, a woman, yesterday morning, and entered into a conversation with her. He said he had a number of banknotes, which he desired to convert into small change. The woman foolishly undertook to change the notes, and handed over a pair of gold mounted rattan bangles and two finger rings as security.

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An employee of the Sun Company was this morning remanded at the Magistracy on a charge of stealing $1,000 worth of imitation pearls and twelve hand mirrors from a Japanese pearl dealer, of 23 Canton Road, Kowloon. It was alleged that defendant met complainant at Sincere's at 1 p.m. by appointment. He conducted him to the various departments under the pretence of finding purchasers for the pearls which were carried in a small dispatch case. On the stairs of Sincere's defendant was alleged to have snatched the case from the Japanese and escaped. The matter was reported to the police, and a watch was kept on the Canton steamer last night which resulted in the capture of the man and the recovery of the pearls, which were secreted in several packets of biscuits. The object of the remand was to enable accused to obtain witnesses.

CRICKETER JUDGE.

In beginning his duties in the Sussex circuit of county courts, Judge Parfitt, from Leeds, recalled the time, 40 year's ago, when he played cricket for Surrey against Sussex. He said he would accept the invitation of Eastbourne lawyers to a game on the Saffrons field at the back of his court in the summer.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A writer in a London journal, discussing one-man (political,) parties, remarks that Sir Owen Thomas may be described as a party unto himself since he seceded from the Labour Party, and, though nominally a Labour member, Mr. Frank Rose, the the journalist-engineer, differs with his party to such an extent that he must be regarded as a separate party. There is also Malone, who is the only representative of the Communist Party. Captain Gee, on the other hand, has the distinction of being a two party man, for he is claimed by the National Democrats and the Independents. In the last Parliament there was a one-man party, that of Mr. "Boadicea" Hunt, expelled by the Unionists for his attacks on Mr. Bonar Law.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The Imports and Exports office will be open on Monday only till noon—Page 4.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Katuna are given the usual notice on Page 5.

Mischa Elman, the world-famous violinist is to give two concerts in the Theatre on May 21 and May 24.—Page 4.

The Happy Valley golf course is closed until Saturday.—Page 4.

The Exchange Banks will be closed to the public on Monday next.—Page 4.

The Hongkong Hotel Company's garage is opening a show room and garage in Pedder Street.—Page 7.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club is making provision for the admittance of bathing members.—Page 4.

A motor cycle and side-car are being sold by Lammert Bros. on Saturday.—Page 4.

Mr. U. G. Frondorff has been appointed to succeed Mr. B. A. Roberts as General Manager of the Ault and Wiborg China Co.—Page 4.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Shidzuoka Maru are given the customary notice on Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 6⅛d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer:—29.71. Temperature:—84. Humidity:—67.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day is 6.55 p.m.

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THE RENTS QUESTION.

Last Night's Big Protest Meeting.

The public meeting of protest against the projected increase in the assessment rate, which had been organised by the joint Committees of the Constitutional Reform Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association, took place in the City Hall last evening, when there was a large and enthusiastic attendance., The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock presided and supporting him on the platform were the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, the Hon. Mr. Chau Sui-ki, Captain Wheeler (President of the K.R.A.) and many representatives of the Colony's various communities besides committeemen of the two associations.

Opening the proceedings, Hon. Mr Pollock said he had been asked, as Chairman of the Constitutional Reform Association which, with the Kowloon Residents' Association, had convened the meeting, to take the chair that afternoon. He need hardly say that it afforded him great pleasure in doing so. The well attended meeting which he saw before him in the Theatre should convince the Government that the community had been deeply stirred by the proposal to increase the house rates in this Colony. He would not detain them longer then, but would call upon Captain Wheeler, President of the Kowloon Residents' Association, to move the resolution in connection with the matter.

Captain Wheeler said: Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.—I beg leave to move the following resolution, namely:

"That this Public Meeting petitions the Government that the recent Resolution of the Legislative Council for the increase of House Rates be rescinded."

The Kowloon Residents' Association has, ever since its formation, been fighting for the principle of cheap rents, and in some instances they have recorded their thanks to the Government for obtaining a reduction of rents at Kowloon. Under these circumstances it is all the more disappointing to be confronted with the recent proposed increase of roughly 50% in the rates, an increase which must inevitably result in a corresponding rise in rentals, and which is obviously capable of being used by an unscrupulous landlord as a pretext for levying an increased rental altogether disproportionate to the additional rate. Nor is it only the Europeans of limited means who will be affected by the proposed increase. The mischief extends down through all classes of the community to the Chinese workman, whose willing and cheerful labour, obtainable at a moderate rate, is one of the important assets of the Colony. The Economic Resources Committee show, in their report, that the labour problem figures prominently in the industrial development of Hongkong; and they emphasise the fact that "high rent is a serious factor militating against industrial development," and gives a decided advantage in favour of Canton against Hongkong. As I understand that there will be other speakers, I will not detain you any longer, but will rest content with commending the resolution which I have moved to your favourable consideration. (Applause).

Hon. Mr Lau Chu pak said: Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.—I have much pleasure, on behalf of the Chinese community, in seconding the resolution. In doing so, I may mention that some of the points raised by the proposer in his speech have formed the topics of discussion by the Chinese ever since the announcement was made that the house rates would be increased by 7%, and have been included in their representations to me as their senior representative on the Legislative Council. I need, therefore, scarcely say that the object aimed at by the resolution has the hearty support and sympathy of the Chinese. (Applause). The increase of 7% on the rates and taxes, as everybody present is well aware, means more to the shopkeepers and the wage-earning class than to the owners of property and the well-to-do. (Applause). The shopkeepers and the wage-earning class form the bulk of the population of the Colony and they have also less opportunities of finding the wherewithal to meet the extra impost. In recent years owing to the repeated unrest in the neighbouring province and to the anticipated expansion of trade in the Far East after the war, there has been an unusual rush for housing and office accommodation in this Colony. This, together with a certain amount of speculation in landed property of a more recent date, has sent rent up to a point almost unbearable to the poor. (Applause). It should be remembered that increase in rent means increase in assessment and it has already benefitted the Government in that way. In the opinion of the Chinese, with rent still in the tendency of going up further owing to higher prices paid for houses by investors or speculators, whatever they may be called; and with more houses now in the course of construction or to be built at no distant date to meet increased demand, what is now asked of the Government to remit will be made good if not fully, at least to a large extent, with increase in assessment. (Applause). Moreover, in the opinion of competent persons, the new Stamps Ordinance will bring in more money than what was estimated. (Applause). Under the circumstances, I have therefore no hesitation in seconding the resolution on behalf of the Chinese. (Applause).

Hon. Mr Chau Siu ki: I fully endorse the remarks of my Chinese colleague and strongly support his views.

Mr. A. Silva-Netto said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I was asked to say a few words as President of the Club Lusitano, the oldest Portuguese institution in this Colony, and on behalf of the members of my Club I beg to thank the joint committees of the Constitutional Reform Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association for their kind attention and consideration. The rates question is of vital importance to all the ratepayers and there can hardly be any mistake or dissension as to what should be said this afternoon Practically speaking, everyone will be affected by the increased taxation, either directly or indirectly, which, if carried into effect, will be very hard on the wage-earning classes, especially members of the Portuguese community. Scarcity of housing accommodation has caused a serious increase in house rents and tenants who could not afford to pay the higher rents demanded have had to clear out and look for new places of abode. The housing question is very acutely felt and the problem was partly solved by some of the Portuguese acquiring houses in Kowloon, whereas others have had to find means to build their own homes in Ho Mun Tin and other parts or districts of this Colony.

The increased taxation is bound to be a very serious obstacle to those who have acquired houses, and to those who aspire to build their own homes in Kowloon and elsewhere in this Colony. The objects of the Government to solve the housing problem by granting loans on easy terms for building purposes, and the recommendations of the Economic Resources Committee are all defeated by the increased taxation on houses. (Applause). When the rates were increased as a war measure to meet, or assist to meet, the Imperial expenditure, the ratepayers cheerfully bore the extra 7 per cent, but I don't think the time is now ripe or opportune to raise the rates to 20 per cent. especially when the stress of business depression is so keenly felt. For the last 20 years the value of leasehold property in the Colony has been increasing steadily and the rateable valuation has automatically increased. Therefore, you see there is no reason or justification for this increase in taxation. On behalf of the members of my Club I have much pleasure in giving my hearty support to the resolution just proposed by Captain Wheeler and seconded by the Hon. Mr Lau Chu-pak. (Applause).

Mr J. Owen Hughes said: Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.—I have listened with much pleasure to what has already been said by Captain Wheeler, Hon. Mr Lau Chu Pak and Mr Silva Netto, in which they put before you the views of the communities which they represent. But I think it would not be out of place also to convey through this meeting the opinion of the average merchant class of the Colony. (Applause). Mr Silva Netto casually mentioned that we are now passing through a time of great depression. There is no one who will gainsay that, and it seems to me that the time has surely come when instead of extraordinary expenditure being incurred, which has produced the necessity of placing this tax on the public, extraordinary curtailment of expenditure and strict economy should be observed. (Applause). It should, I think, be our aim to endeavour by all means to impress this point upon the Government and so in some way to relieve the undoubted heavy burden which is being placed upon the mercantile community. (Applause).

The Chairman: Is there any other gentlemen who would like to address the meeting on the subject?

Speaking from the body of the hall, Mr J. H. McGuigan said that if they had had a really democratic government, with the knowledge, the will, and the power to enact legislation that would promote the well-being of the whole community, they would probably have found themselves there that night in support of some measure of taxation that would tend to give them an increased supply of cheaper houses. Instead, they found themselves in the unfortunate position of being there to protest against a non-representative Government imposing taxation that would decrease the supply of houses, make the rents dearer, and thereby cause an inferior class of buildings to be erected. (Applause). They appeared to be taking themselves very seriously; but he had the uncomfortable feeling that the Hongkong Government would take about as much notice of them as if they were so many little boys digging sand on the sea-beach when the tide was out. (Laughter). He might be wrong, he hoped events would prove that he was; but if he should happen to be correct, what were they going to do about it?

A voice: Nothing.

Mr McGuigan did not think there was a single member of the Legislative Council who liked that tax. He did not think there was one of them who had not sufficient intelligence to know that it would have a detrimental effect on housing conditions. They knew that there was already an overcrowded population, and they knew that the effect would be to squeeze them more closely together. If they went back a few years to the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis, they would remember that the Government sent to America for an expert. He did not know whether it was really necessary to send all the way to America for a medical man to tell them the effect or the cause of the outbreak, but his recollection of the report was that the trouble might be summed up in two or three words, that congested population was the cause of that pest. They would not avoid these things in the future without spreading the population out. In the face of this, and in the face of the well-known effect of such a method or system of taxation, their honourable non-representative Government imposed this tax. He did not think any individual member liked it, but they were in the position of having incurred expenditure and they must find income. And if they looked in any other quarter for it, they might meet with more effective opposition. As he said, it appeared to him hopeless. The taxes were imposed and they must submit; and therefore he thought before they could really do anything in this question of taxation they must have reform of the constitution,—(applause.) —and such reform of the constitution as would make all the non-Official members representative of the whole community. He was not a member of the Constitutional Reform Association because they were not asking for a really democratic form of constitution. When they sought one that would make the members of the Legislative Council representative of the whole community, he would contribute his little part along with the rest, but when they were asking for something that would give special representation to special sections he thought it was too late in the day.

A voice: You want to go the whole hog.

Mr McGuigan: What I would like to see is the members of the Legislative Council elected in the same way as the Members of Parliament are elected in England. (Applause).

That was not asking for anything revolutionary. It was not Bolshevism as far as he knew. If they had reform of the constitution and had elected representatives of the people, then they might have some hope of getting some measure of reform which would reverse the order of things; and instead, as he said, of the present system of taxation that tended to prevent the normal increase of supply of houses and instead of making them cheaper made them dearer, they would have it the other way. If the Lord sent houses down ready-made as he sent manna they would have nowhere to put them. (Laughter). This one and that one said "This land is mine," and the Government claimed the rest.

He thought there was a system of taxation in the colonies already which gave fairer results. Sydney, in Australia, had a system of taxation which was the reverse of Hongkong's. Instead of taxing houses there they took the tax off the houses and made them tax free. They imposed it on the value of the site whether there was a house on it or not (Applause). That was the weak point of the resolution before the meeting. They objected, but had not pointed out any other means of raising money. If the Government put the tax on the value of the site those people holding land could not afford to ask for higher prices. The land would go into the market. The price of land would come down and that would mean lower rent. That was a practical suggestion. In view of the position he felt their protests were hopeless, but at the same time he supported the resolution. Loud applause).

The Chairman: Perhaps you will bear with me for a few minutes while I try to sum up the situation. I should like to begin by saying that as President of the Constitutional Reform Association I am very pleased to see that Mr McGuigan, although not a member of our Association, is willing to go at least as far as our Association—in fact he would even go further in the direction of reform than we perhaps feel disposed to go. At the same time I would say that no doubt the Committee of the C.R.A. will bear in mind the suggestions which are received with regard to con-

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CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

Vigorous Speeches at C.R.A. Annual Meeting.

After the public meeting to protest against the increase of rates, the annual meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association was held last evening at the Theatre Royal. The President, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., presided, supported by the Vice-President, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, and the following members of Committee: Messrs. W. A. Dowley, J. Owen Hughes, F. A. Joseph, W. L. Pattenden, D. V. Stenvenson and L. M. Whyte (Honorary Secretary).

Opening the meeting, the Chairman said that although it was not a public meeting in the strict technical sense of the word, they would be very glad if any of those present at the previous meeting who were interested in the question would remain.

The Hon. Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, after which the Chairman said: As some gentlemen remained who are not members of our Association, I think perhaps it would be more interesting for them if I left the formal business which is to be transacted, such as the passing of the Report and Accounts and Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, to the end, and if I ask you to consider with me the resolutions, four in number, with reference to constitutional reform. The first resolution that I shall have to move will be:

(1). That all non-Chinese members of the Legislative Council be elected.

I think there can be no doubt, as has been said at many previous meetings of this Association, that the system of nomination is a survival from antiquity, and is not at all consonant with the age in which we live. Of course, when I make that remark I do not want to raise any reflections upon the gentlemen who have from time to time been nominated by the Government to the Legislative Council. I am not in any way attacking individuals, I am attacking the system. The second point that we propose to move is:

(2). That a larger electoral body be adopted in the case of all such non-Chinese members with the exception of the Representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

The Single Exception.

I think that just now (at the earlier meeting) objection was taken to the exception; but in a business community like Hongkong, when trade and shipping are the life-blood of the Colony, my committee, upon careful consideration of this matter, thought it important that we should retain the representation of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce upon the Council, in order that the views of that Chamber upon commerce and shipping should be represented in the Council. And there is such representation, I think you will find, in the case of the Straits Settlements. The third resolution that I have to propose is:

(3). That there be an Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided in the constitution of Ceylon.

With regard to this question of the Unofficial majority, I am sorry to say that there are some people in this Colony who are rather inclined to lose heart on this matter, but I think if they will look around they will see indications that there is no reason whatsoever for that, but on the contrary there is every reason for our feeling encouraged. When I say that I do not mean the way in which we have been dealt with by successive Secretaries of State by our resolutions being turned down without a single reason being given for refusing any measure of constitutional reform; but I will invite you, if you are inclined to despair, to look at what has been done and is being done in the sister Eastern Crown Colonies of Ceylon and the Straits Settlements. (Applause). Let us consider for a moment what has been done in Ceylon. In Ceylon only last year they obtained a constitution giving an Unofficial majority on the Council, of 23 to 14; that constitution was given and made effective. In every case the votes of the Unofficial members were to prevail except in cases of questions where the Governor certified that it was considered in the interests of the Colony that no resolution either should be passed or should not be passed, in which case by the constitution of Ceylon the Governor might declare that the Official votes only counted and he might declare the resolutions either passed or not passed as the case might be, by the Official votes alone, and that again being subject to the safeguard that wherever the Governor took that unusual course he had forthwith to report the matter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. (Applause).

The Same as Ceylon.

It is that kind of safeguard which we are referring to in the third resolution when we ask that there be an Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided in the constitution of Ceylon. And we do not see why we should not be treated with the same trust and confidence, as regards granting us an Unofficial majority subject to those safeguards, as the Colony of Ceylon. We claim to be equally loyal with that Colony. We claim that in the great war we in this Colony bore our fair share in men and money and every kind of effort in the great struggle. (Applause). And we think most emphatically that we ought to be treated in the matter of an Unofficial majority in the same way as Ceylon. (Applause). In fact, to put it briefly, we cannot see any reason why we should be treated otherwise or differently. I referred just now to Ceylon as being a sister Colony. I do not know whether it is the case now, but I know it was the case a few years ago, that in the Colonial Office the Eastern Colonies of Ceylon, the Straits Settlements and Hongkong were all dealt with in one and the same department, and I suspect that it is so probably at the present day. At all events we know that as regards Civil Service promotion one of our former Governors, Sir Henry Blake, left this place to go as Governor of Ceylon, and of course we have the far more recent example of the present Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, who was Colonial Secretary in Ceylon and came out here to this Colony as Governor. Therefore, as I say, why should we not be treated the same as Ceylon? Now to pass on to the Straits Settlements, what do we find there? We find that a few months ago a committee was appointed voluntarily by the Government of the Straits Settlements and that that committee, of which one of the members was the acting Attorney General, unanimously recommended in their report that there should be an Unofficial majority in the Straits Settlements. And in connection with that report I should like, if you will allow me, to read a few of the observations which were made in support of the recommendations of an Unofficial majority. What the committee said on this point was this. They referred, of course, to the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements:

"There is a sense of unreality about its debates. The shadow of the Official majority hangs over its proceedings. There is, in fact, no debate. It serves mainly as an opportunity for the airing of Unofficial views, and much attention may or may not be paid, at the discretion of the Government. The real work of the Unofficials lies outside the Council as Unofficial advisers of the Government, and of this the public knows nothing; its ostensible function as a deliberative assembly with one vote to each member is merely form and not substance."

No Public Interest or Confidence.

They go on to say in the report: "Secondly we are of opinion that externally it does not arouse public interest and inspire confidence. The main reasons for this we consider to be:

(a) That the population has no voice in the appointment of its members;

(b) That the Unofficial membership, as at present constituted, is not able to keep in touch with the views of certain sections of the population;

(c) Council procedure with an Official majority results in an identification of the Unofficials with the Government rather than the public."

And the report goes on to say "We consider that the first step in inducing public interest in the proceedings of Council is that the Official majority should be abandoned."

I think that that report of the committee of the Straits Settlements is a very striking confirmation of our hopes, which are that we shall also obtain in due course an Unofficial majority in this Colony, because we have Ceylon with an Unofficial majority already obtained, and the Straits Settlements with a committee which has recommended an Unofficial majority. And therefore, as I said before, I see no ground why Hongkong need despair, because the Straits Settlements, like Ceylon, is one of the Eastern Colonies, and like Ceylon—I mentioned just now about public servants being exchanged between Hongkong and Ceylon. Perhaps I might mention two other instances in connection with the Straits Settlements. A few years ago we had Sir John Bucknill here as Attorney General, and he went to the Straits Settlements to be Chief Justice, and from the Straits Settlements we have received as Colonial Secretary the gentlemen who is at present administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn. I only mention these instances to show how in the official mind at Home these three Eastern Colonies are considered to be more or less on one plane, and why should the solitary exception to this apparently general rule in the case of granting an Unofficial majority be the loyal inhabitants of Hongkong? (Applause). The fourth resolution which I propose is:

(4). That a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for the support of the Members in securing the above change in the Legislative Council.

Appeal to House of Commons.

We are, I may say, practically driven to this course. As I mentioned just now, we have received replies from two different Secretaries of State, one in answer to the petition of 1916, and the other in answer to resolutions passed at our public meeting in January 1919; and in neither of those replies from either of those Secretaries of State has there been vouchsafed to us a single reason for not granting any measure of constitutional reform. Absolutely no reason has been given, and I particularly pressed for them, it will be remembered, in questions in the Council chamber, without success.

The Chairman reviewed the Government's reply on that occasion, and went on: "Under these circumstances we propose to revert to the procedure which was adopted in 1894, when a petition was sent home to the members of the House of Commons asking for a more representative form of Government, and it is our hope, it is the hope of my committee, and I think the hope of all the members of this Association, that this petition which we propose to send home to the House of Commons will be widely signed in this Colony, not only signed by the members of this Association but signed by all those outside this Association who feel that the cause which we are putting forward is worthy of support. (Applause). I believe that this question is sometimes side-tracked by people who say "Oh well, what do you want with an Unofficial majority? Why don't you go for a Municipal Council?" One answer I have to make to that is that our Legislative Council in Hongkong is to a very great extent, and performs to a very great extent the functions of a Municipal Council. We have to deal with a number of votes of the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department, and the way in which the figures of Public Works expenditure, purely municipal matters, have risen up in the last year or two is simply astonishing. For instance, the expenditure for public works extraordinary in 1920 was nearly two and half millions out of fourteen and a half millions, whereas the proposed expenditure for public works extraordinary for this year 1921 is, as nearly as possible, five millions out of fourteen millions. Therefore the proportion of expenditure under public works extraordinary for this year 1921 as compared with our total expenditure is exactly double; and with these five millions of public works extraordinary for 1921 out of fourteen millions the matter does not rest, because there is also under the Public Works Department for 1921 $630,000 for personal emoluments and $840,000 for public works current, and if we put that on to the five millions I spoke of just now we have a total of six and a half millions under the various Public Works Department votes out of the fourteen millions expenditure for 1921, and added to that six and a half millions the sum of over half a million voted for the Sanitary Department, which of course must be considered as a municipal department, you actually have seven millions out of fourteen millions, or fifty per cent. of the revenue for 1921 going to be expended on the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department of this Colony. I do not think that under those circumstances it is open to suggest that we in the Council have nothing to do with municipal matters, and that we ought instead of moving for reform of the Council to move for a Municipal Council. With all due respect to them, I do not think they have made out a good case. I will not detain you any longer. Mr Alabaster, Vice-President of the Association, will just say a few words in support of the resolution.

Mr. Alabaster's Able Address.

Mr. Alabaster: Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure in seconding these resolutions. They are simpler than the resolutions of two years ago, and for that very reason I think that they will make a greater appeal to that great sense of right which lies as the basis of all loyal sentiment. The resolutions of two years ago were complicated by too much machinery. They pointed to a road, not necessarily *the* road, but a road by which our constitution could have a little more democracy knocked into it. In these resolutions we point to the principles, and leave the road to be found by those who say at home that they are not convinced that any change is desirable. The principles for which we are working are a wider representation of the people, made effective by their elected representatives in a majority. (Applause). Without a majority their voice is ineffectual, as Mr. McGuigan pointed out in the earlier meeting to-night, and unless they are elected they are not representative. (Applause). The members of this Association are loyal to the throne, loyal to the flag and loyal to the Empire — (applause — but they

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinances under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from 20 millions of dollars the present authorised capital of the Company to 50 millions of dollars.
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3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 28th day of May, 1921. Shareholders shall respectively be the registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.
4. That the payment of the sum of £70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz.— 1st instalment of £35 on the 1st day of July, 1921, 2nd and final instalment of £35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.
5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders, holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.
6. That after payment of the first instalment, and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owners of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.
7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.
8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.
9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

For The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1921.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 48th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Friday, May 27th, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The Transfer Books of the Society will be Closed from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5th, 1921.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, May 5th, 1921.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5th, 1921.

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1921.

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THE AULT & WIBORG CHINA CO.,
J. B. HAWLEY,
Secretary.

Dated Shanghai, China
April 29th 1921.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. U. G. Frondorf has been duly authorised to succeed Mr. B. A. Roberts as General Manager of THE AULT & WIBORG CHINA COMPANY, operating in CHINA, HONGKONG, and the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

THE AULT & WIBORG CHINA CO.,
J. B. HAWLEY,
Secretary.

Dated Shanghai, China
April 29th 1921.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Happy Valley Course.

The above course is closed for play until Sunday 14th inst.

By order of the Committee.
J. B. ROSS,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHIDZUOKA MARU,"

having arrived from the above ports Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, Today.

Goods not cleared by the 19th May, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From NEW YORK.

The Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 18th will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 25th May 1921 or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 12th May, 1920.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

From LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON and STRAITS.

The Steamship

"BENVENUE"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst. at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1921.

SHIPPING NEWS.

SINGAPORE MADRAS CABLE.

The cable-ship Colonia has completed laying the third cable rom Singapore to Madras, a distance of 1,700 miles. This will generally improve European and Eastern communications.

QUITTING FAR EASTERN WATERS.

The Pacific Mail s.s. Venezuela, which left Shanghai on April 23, will not be seen in Far Eastern waters again. The s.s. Ecuador and Colombia of the same line will be withdrawn after one further voyage to the Far East.

LARGEST SAILING SHIP AFLOAT.

The s.s. France, a five-masted steel barque, is the largest sailing ship in the world. The France was built in 1912 at Bordeaux, the port of registry being Rouen. Her gross register is 6,256, the net register tonnage 5,010 tons, and she carries a crew of about 50. She is fitted with wireless apparatus, and also has machinery aft for working her windlasses. She has, however, no auxiliary motor power, being dependent entirely on her sailing capabilities. The owners are the Compagnie Francaise de Marine et de Commerce, Paris.

SHANGHAI FREIGHTS.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co. Shanghai in their report of 5th, May, state; To United Kingdom and Continent:—Sincolast writing the China Homeward Conference has reduced the rate on groundnuts, seeds, beans, peas, and oils, and these reductions have resulted in some enquiries in these commodities but, so far as we can learn at present, without leading to any settlements of any importance To United States via Panama and Suez:—These berths continue in the same listless state as when last writing a fortnight ago and there is nothing fresh to report except that rates via the Canals are weak and the tariff below is purely nominal.—Coastwise:—This market continues quiet and there is no movement of any importance to report.

SUNK IN THE YANGTZE GORGES.

Meagre advices from the Upper River state that the s.s. Meishun, operated by the Pacific Mail S.S. Coy, has been sunk in the Yangtze Gorges. The Meishun was proceeding from Ichang to Chunking on April 29 when she struck a rock and sank in a few minutes. She is holed in the port engine-room bilge and is about three-quarters submerged. No lives were lost. We understand that there is a good chance of salving the vessel, salvaging operations being already in progress. Provided that there is not a quick rise of water, every hope is held out that the operations will be successful. This was the second trip up the river this season of the Meishun, which was built by the Nicholas Tsu Company in 1916.

THE U.S. NAVAL RESERVE.

Although the United States Navy is not applying the economy axe to nearly the same extent as our own, they seem to be intent on organising the Naval Reserve Force into a thoroughly effective body. They are at a great disadvantage to us in that they have no opportunity of organising their potential naval men into two bodies like the R.N.R. and R.N.V.R, but they have the single Reserve Force and the cumbersome Naval Militia, each unit controlled by its State. Attention is being concentrated on the former, and a number of the much-discussed Eagle boats built by the Henry Ford Motor Company have been put entirely into their charge. They are crank, slab-sided craft which are not immune from the danger of capsizing until they have been ballasted down right out of sight of their trial speed. But recognising that most of the war work of the naval reserves will be with the fringes of the fleet they are almost ideal for training. We have nothing quite like them for the service, but we have numerous surrendered German trawlers which nobody wants to buy. If one were attached to each of the R.N.V.R. divisions and recruits had the prospect of numerous week-end training cruises at sea there would be far greater keenness in the new corps. Their coal bills would be small, and it would teach men far more than they will learn in batteries and drill ships moored in rivers. Six nights' drill would entitle to one weekend cruise, three week-end cruises to annual manoeuvres. Otherwise fine or dismissal—*Journal of Commerce* (Liverpool).

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th May, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 30th May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 10th May, 1921.

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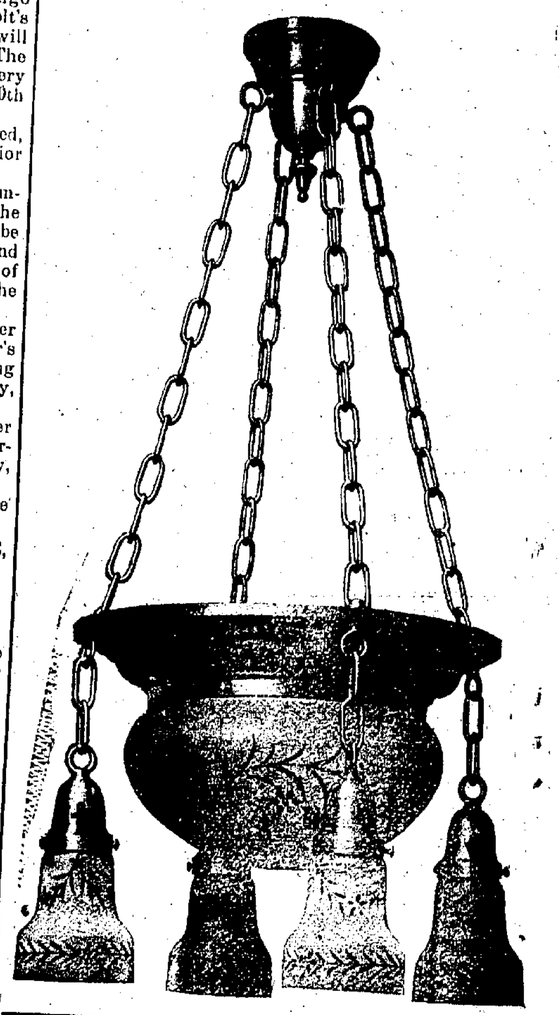

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BARBER LINE TO ENTER FAR EASTERN CONFERENCE.

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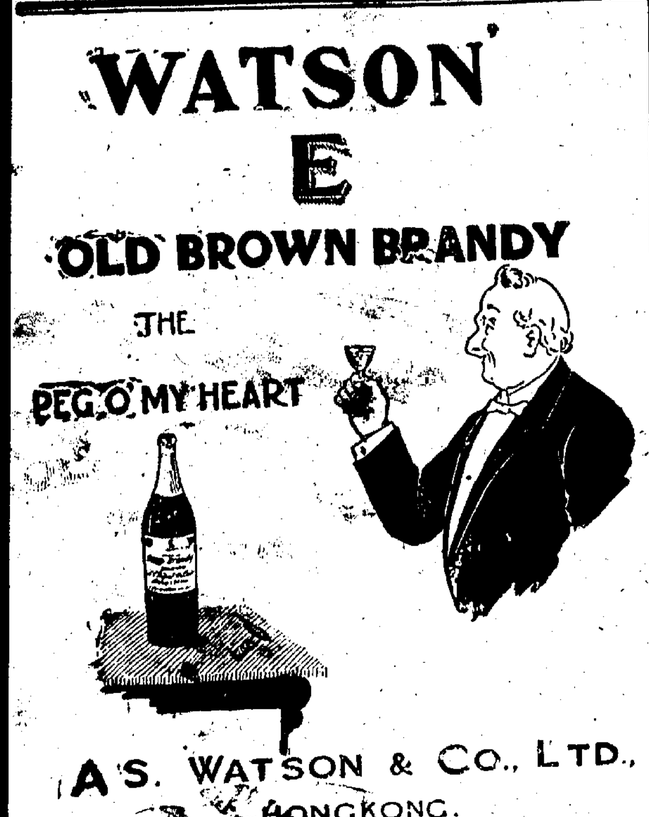

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1921.

THE RENTS QUESTION.

Hongkong had its meeting of protest against the increase in the assessment rate and it was a meeting so largely attended, so representative of the varying interests of the Colony and so productive of sound argument that our Government can hardly fail to act upon the recommendation contained in the resolution. When the meeting was convened it was wondered whether Hongkong people would bestir themselves sufficiently to demonstrate in public what they were all thinking in private, but from the very opening of the Theatre meeting there was not the slightest shadow of doubt that all sections of the community were solid in their disapproval of the Government resolution passed in the Legislative Council. The speakers to last evening's motion voiced the sentiments of all the different communities that go to make up this cosmopolitan Colony and our Government will be autocratic indeed if it fails to act upon so commonly expressed a wish.

The Hon. Lau Chu Pak impressed us most, because he pointed out that increasingly high rentals was an asset to the Government. Speculation in property, due to the never failing demand for house and shop room, has had the effect of putting up rentals to a figure at which they have become an intolerable burden for all but the wealthy. The unchecked influx of Chinese from the hinterland, the paucity of building that has marked the past five years, and the exploitation of this situation by conscienceless landlords have combined to bring about a condition of affairs unparalleled in the history of the Colony. Whilst the burden is falling heavily on the average European it is falling far heavier on the bulk of the wage-earning Chinese and as these form the very backbone of the Colony they are entitled to some measure of protection. But instead of this—instead of enacting legislation whereby only a fair and reasonable rent can be extracted, the Government has seen fit to look for some of its additional revenue from the very source that is the least fitted to bear it. Surely a rare blunder was committed. And we might be forgiven for again pointing out that our Government stands to benefit by high rents, inasmuch as its assessment duty is levied (in the case of all rented property) on the rent the landlord charges and not upon a figure gained by an independent assessor. We know of no place in the Old Country where such a proceeding would be tolerated. It has been clearly shown that the financial position of the Colony is not in an immediately parlous state, that the revenue from the new Stamp Ordinance will probably exceed expectations and that there is no moral justification for the levying of an additional burden on the thousands of householders who are already embarassed by the constantly growing cost of living. And for these reasons we hope that the Government will act in the way it has been asked.

But we feel constrained in closing our reference to the meeting to comment on the fact that those Unofficial Members who spoke so well in the Theatre last night uttered no protest and revealed no disapproval when the Government resolution was before the Legislative Council. If they had spoken then much might have been saved. Let us hope that it is not a case of speaking too late.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Our Theatre Seats.

Those responsible for the management of our Theatre Royal could have heard many uncomplimentary things said about them last evening after the meetings in connection with the rents question and constitutional reform. Practically the whole of the men who sat downstairs left the building with their coats ruinously marked with the red stain (or paint or whatever it might be) off the backs of the seats. It was a warm evening and the majority of those present were in whites. The sight of dozens of men with red slashes across their backs did possibly possess a crude humour, but the matter is far more serious than humorous, for one wonders how many of those white coats were permanently marked. Our Theatre is not one of those free places that one must take as they find; it is a building for which paymont has to be made and it is only right that public should be given seats they can use with safety to their clothing. If any of our Hongkong ladies find during the hot weather that the seats in which they are compelled to sit spoil their dainty frocks it is questionable whether they could not recover something in the way of compensation. But that apart, it is nothing less than a disgrace that the varnishing, or painting or staining of our Theatre chairs should be in such a condition as to be so easily transferable to the clothing of those who occupy them. Our theatre has come in for a good deal of deserved criticism in other respects, but this is a matter that could easily be remedied by those who have control of the institution. And we sincerely hope they will do something to prevent a repetition of what took place last evening.

Shanghai's New Structure.

One can credit from the description that the new premises in Shanghai of the famous banking corporation so closely associated with the two ports, and with China generally, constitute "a lordly building." The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's new structure in the northern port towers up to five storeys, crowned by a massive dome, of which the apex rises to an altitude of 180 ft. The architecture is Neo-Grecian, with Hongkong granite for the facing. At the opening ceremony, Mr. Stephen, the new chief manager, concluded his epitome of the Bank's history with this fitting peroration: "The building will be an indication of our faith in the future development of the trade of China, in the future of this port, where we expect all nations will be allowed to trade peacefully for all time, and in the future of the Bank, which we trust will always maintain its leading position here." The Colony's Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, appropriately added a tribute when he commented upon the value of the Bank's assistance, in finance and in advice, to Hongkong, whose Legislative Council, as his Excellency observed, contains two members the bank's Board and now Mr. Stephen. When the Bank produced its first balance-sheet forty-five years ago the profits amounted to less than a quarter of a million dollars; last year they reached over 12 millions, with a sterling reserve of 2½ millions and $21,500,000 in silver. "Wayfoong" is essentially a Far Eastern institution—Hongkong, not London, holds its headquarters; and Sir Thomas Jackson's foresight in rebuilding the premises here on their present lines—much laughed at then—has been abundantly vindicated.

The Unseen Force.

Of more than ordinary interest is the notification that the new U. S. Ambassador to Britain, who has just arrived in London, is accompanied by Col. House. The latter holds no official post, nor is he a member of Congress; but he is generally believed, and with good reason, to be a living storehouse of State secrets. Until President Wilson's tenure of the White House, the Colonel—a Texas-planter—was not widely known in his own country, and not at all outside of it. It soon became bruited abroad, however, that Col. House was Mr. Wilson's chosen confidant, and that the President reposed profound faith in his judgment, this being the more noteworthy on account of a certain pragmatic strain in the Wilsonian temperament. Colonel House's reputation as a potent factor in his country's councils has been enhanced by his reversal of customery methods, for instead of seeking he has shunned the limelight. He does not write books or articles, and if the indefatigable American pressmen do ever get hold of the Colonel he is uncommonly sparing in his statements. This characteristic is exemplified in the present incident of his arrival in England without preliminary announcement. President Harding, like his predecessor, has been credited with one, or rather with two or three, of these "ghosts". At the same time the President will doubtless welcome the co-operation of such valuable man if Col. House projects a continuation of his unobtrusive but important activities under the new Administration. The Colonel, though not a member of the American Commission, accompanied President Wilson to the Peace Conference, and is acquainted with most of the statesmen of Europe and doubtless with their policies. It may be that his visit to England is a private one, or it may be that he is—of course "unofficially"—giving the new Ambassador a little coaching.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DESIRE FOR RICHES DOES NOT PROCEED FROM A NATURAL PASSION WITHIN US, BUT ARISES FROM VULGAR, OUT-OF-DOORS OPINION OF OTHER PEOPLE.—*Plutarch.*

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There were two fatal cases of small-pox reported yesterday. Otherwise, there was a clean bill of health.

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Among those who returned to the Colony to-day by the Empress of Japan were His Excellency Sir Reginald Stubbs (accompanied by Capt. E. J. Warner), Sir Ellis Kadoorie, and Mr. H. Percy White.

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The body of the Chinese who was drowned at Quarry Bay during Monday's heavy rains, was yesterday recovered on the foreshore of Quarry Bay, about 30 yards from the spot where the accident befell him.

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Two men have been detained by the police in connection with a stabbing affray at No. 39 Belcher Street yesterday, in which one of the inmates was wounded on the right shoulder and back. She was sent to hospital.

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If any doubt still exists in the minds of the Government as to the housing and office shortage in the Colony it should be dispelled by the fact that over one hundred and fifty applications for office and resident accommodation at present lie unfulfilled at a local estate company.

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In a case of opium possession to the extent of 96 taels, before the Magistrate this morning, one of the two defendants, who was represented by Mr. Webster, was discharged, whilst the other was sentenced to a term of six months' imprisonment with the addition of a further term of a like duration in the event of his failure to pay $5,000.

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An ingenious plan to rob a shopkeeper was adopted by a Chinese who effected the haul of $150 worth of cotton singlets. At 7 p.m. yesterday he went to No. 154 Queen's Road Central and purchased the singlets, promising to pay for them when the goods were handed to the real purchaser, who, he said, lived a little way away. A foki was ordered to accompany the man to deliver the goods. At Wing Lok Street the foki was set upon by two men, and robbed of all the singlets. The man who went to the shop disappeared during the scuffle.

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In the description of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building published in to-day's *Daily Press*, we note with concern that among the subjects to be represented in rich mosaic, Hongkong is described thus:—

Hongkong:
Central figure with British *bug* symbolic of its becoming a British Crown Colony in 1842.

Symbolic of what? It is perhaps just as well that a copy of our esteemed contemporary's latest issue did not find its way among the copies of newspapers in the cell for the foundation stone of Shanghai's latest building. Otherwise we tremble to think of what posterity might think of Hongkong.

ANOTHER BIG BUILDING

Seven-Storied Structure Contemplated.

A new palatial building, seven stories in height, will shortly be built over the site now in the occupation of the Bank of Canton, the Chinese Industrial Bank, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, and other mercantile offices, to form the new home for the head office of the Bank of Canton. The property, bought from the Honkkong Land Investment Company four years ago at a price which worked out at $40 per square foot, has a present valuation of something like $65 per square foot.

The new building will cover an area of 10,000 square feet and will be erected on lines which will harmonise well with the surrounding buildings. Its cost is estimated at four lakhs of dollars, or about as much as was paid for the site and present building when they passed from the possession of the Estate Company to the Bank.

The plans for the new structure are in the hands of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, and work will be put in hand in about six months time when the Bank expects to be able to find other temporary accommodation in the city.

The Bank of Canton, it may be stated, has found it an advantage to own its own premises in view of the increasing cost of land and is building its own offices in Canton and Shanghai. In the construction of a new building at Shanghai an outlay of 4 lakhs of taels is provided for in the estimates. A new branch will be opened at Swatow as soon as the necessary land has been purchased.

Victoria Buildings, we are informed, has been sold to a Chinese syndicate headed by the Manager of the Kue On Bank, of Bonham Strand, at a price which worked out at $56 per square foot.

NEW STEAMER.

Launched at Kowloon Docks To-day.

The successful launch of a new steamer took place this morning from the shipbuilding ways of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's premises at Kowloon Docks.

The vessel, a sister ship to the "Hektor" which was launched last February, has been built to the order of Messrs. Brunsgaard Kiosterud & Co. of Drammen, Norway and under the supervision of their Superintendent, Captain Ivar Siqveland.

The launching ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, the wife of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., the vessel being christened "Hellen" as she left the ways.

After the ceremony the company adjourned to the Offices of the Company where the usual toasts were honoured.

The principal dimensions are as follows, viz:—Length between perpendiculars 400 feet. breadth moulded 52 feet, depth moulded to Upper Deck 31 feet, tween decks 8 feet, erections 7 feet 6 inches. A total deadweight of 8,250 tons will be carried on a mean draft of 25 feet 6 inches, the speed loaded being eleven knots per hour. Propelling machinery constructed by the builders is amidships and of 3,100 indicated horse power, consisting of one set of triple expansion surface-condensing engines having cylinders 27-44-73 inches diameter x 48 inches stroke, steam at 180 lbs, working pressure under forced draught being supplied by three cylindrical return-tube boilers of 15 feet 6 inches diameter x 11 feet 6 inches long. The engine and boiler room outfit includes a Weir's D.C. heater and Weir's main feed pump, independent centrifugal circulating pump, also general service, ballast, and winch condenser pumps. Unusual in cargo steamers is the See's Ash Ejector and Ejector pump installed for disposal of ashes from the stokehold. The coal bunkers are of large capacity, and provision has been made for carrying oil fuel throughout the double bottom in accordance with Lloyd's requirements, the vessel having been specially surveyed during construction by Messrs. Gardiner and Morrison, local representatives for Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

The Rates Question.

Sir,—I had intended, at the Public Meeting yesterday, to point out why it was thought necessary to proceed by way of Public Meeting instead of by Public Petition.

The reason was that as the proposed increase of Rates is to take effect on the 1st July, the adoption of a speedy method of procedure was essential.

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this explanation.

Yours, etc.,
H. E. POLLOCK.
Princes Buildings, 12th May, 1921.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

Talk In Canton Of An Exchange.

A report in the vernacular press states that negotiations are going on between the British diplomats and the Peking Government to have the British concession of Weihaiwei returned to China and in exchange for which, the Peking Government is to grant the right to extend the concession from Kowloon to Whampao in the province of Kwangtung. Another request of the British, says the report, is that the Peking Government should recognise the Cassell collieries contract made with Mu Yung-hsin, the discredited Kwangsi Tuchun of Kwangtung. Continuing, the report states that the Peking Government is willing to grant all these concessions provided Hongkong will aid war lord Lu Yung-ting of Kwangsi in the campaign to drive out the present authorities in Canton. A telegram is reported to have been sent the Kwangsi War lord to the effect that foreign aid is forthcoming and he is urged to start the campaign against Kwangtung immediately. The intention of the Hongkong Government to extend the concession to Whampo is to convert that place into a great treaty Port which embracing Hongkong will wield considerable influence in the development of British trade in South China.

The vernacular press further states that so great is the anger of the Chinese at these reports that some Chinese urged a general boycott of the port of Hongkong so as to paralyse the commerce of the British Colony.—*Canton Times.*

TROUBLESOME CHAIR COOLIES.

Mr. C. E. Edgecumbe's Experience.

At the instance of Mr. C. E. Edgecumbe, two chair coolies in his employ were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning with refusing to obey orders.

It would appear from Mr. Edgecumbe's statement that the coolies had been told to wait for him when he arrived at the Peak from work at the office. They were in a fit of bad temper, and vented it on their master in a peculiar way. They jolted him in the chair with such consistent force that he was obliged to protest, a proceeding of which they took no notice. One of them took no pains to conceal his antipathy, and when only half-way home they put their master down, and refused to proceed. Mr. Edgecumbe had to walk the rest of the way, and on arrival at his residence he communicated with the Police and had the coolies arrested.

It was stated also that the coolies had, in the course of their employment by Mr. Edgecumbe, shown a singular attitude of independence, and has on some occasions frightened Mrs. Edgecumbe.

In reply to the Magistrate the more truculent of the two defendants alleged that his master was drunk, a statement which was disproved by Mr. Edgecumbe. The defendant's demeanour before the Magistrate was such that his Worship found it necessary to impose a fine of $10, this including a penalty for being insolent in Court. The other defendant was fined $5.

COMPANY REPORT.

The report to the shareholders of the Yokohama Specie Bank for the half-year, ended 31st December, states:

The gross profits of the Bank for the past half-year, including Yen 4,444,846.58 brought forward from last account, amount to Yen 138,839,140.29, from which the sum of Yen 125,301,174.66 has been deducted for interest, taxes, current expenses, rebate on bills current, bad and doubtful debts, bonus for officers and clerks, etc., leaving a balance of Yen 13,537,974 63 for appropriation. The Directors propose that Yen 8,000,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, and recommend a dividend at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, which will absorb Yen 5,885,600. The balance, Yen 4,652,374.63, will be carried forward to the credit of next account.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Here's a few more anticlimaxes from the best sellers Janet thinks they're fine but I'd hate to have to buy them. The next dose of love mush that comes along for review our pet "librarian" will have to tackle the lot himself. Janet's now got so much saccharine in her system that she's given over putting sugar in her tea.

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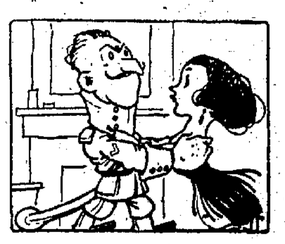

"Dear," she said, and her voice broke softly, "Take me with you. Oh, but you must think me very slow and stupid not to have learned—yet—what love means!

Ah, Max! Max! What am I to do, dear, if you won't let me go with you? What shall I do with all the love that is in my heart—if you won't take it?"

His arms went around her.

"If I don't take it!" he cried, his voice all shaken with the wonder of it. "Oh, my sweet!"

—From "The Splendid Folly" by Margaret Pedler.

* * *

And then Dugald Shaw took me in his arms.

By and by he said huskily:

"Beloved, I had no right to ask you to share such a life as mine must be—the life of a poor sailor."

At this I raised my head from its nestling-place and laughed.

"Ask me? Silly, I asked you!"

—From "Spanish Doubloons" by Camilla Kenyon.

* * *

Graeme bent down and took her hand, as he had the first night when they enterd into their strange partnership.

"Never—never can I begin to pay you what I owe," he said huskily, his face near hers.

He felt her warm breath almost on his cheek, saw the quick colour come into her face, her breast rise and fall with emotion. Their eyes met.

"You need not pay," she whispered. "I am yours."

—From "Constance Dunlap" by Arthur B. Reeve.

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LOCAL STONE MASONS.

Many Leave For Java.

Enquiry made at a reliable source, in consequence of a rumour that building operations in the Colony here been held up by labour troubles, brings a denial of the allegation and, at the same time, throws fresh light on the relationship existing between local contractors and their masons for months past.

A contractor, who has at present a number of engagements to fulfil, said that the prospect of having to concede to an increase in workmen's wages did not necessarily mean that the present contracts for building would have to be cancelled, or that tenders would have to be held back until the extent of such an increase could be ascertained. In the former alternative he further stated that the two or three months that must necessarily elapse before the wages question became acute would give time for a number of contractors who were building to push through the work before that occurred, while the knowledge that an increase was inevitable had found others prepared to provide for it in their estimates.

Questioned with regard to the possibility of some constructions not being completed before the threatened increase comes into force, the reply was given that the contractors were prepared to stand by their commitments and to bear the additional cost involved. It was not in keeping with the actual facts to say that contractors were disinclined to take up further engagements until the increase in wages to be demanded by masons had been ascertained. The question of this increase had been impending for a year, and although no official request for the increase had been received from the Masons' Guild, some informal discussion, raised by the workmen themselves, had led the contractors to a recognition of the inevitability of the increase. He expected that an increase of 30 per cent. would be asked for.

The report that the construction of the new A.P.C. Building on the old Bank Building site had been held up because of the reluctance of the contractors to enter into a fresh commitment in face of the uncertainty of the labour question, was discredited on enquiries with the company concerned, who stated that tenders had not yet been called for.

The report regarding suspension of building operations would appear to have had its origin in the fact that for the past few months there has been great scarcity of masons owing to the wholesale emigration of these workmen to Java, where certain building operations are being carried out on a large scale. No difficulty was experienced in persuading Hongkong stone dressers to go, by reason of the fact that the wages offered were more than double those obtaining in Hongkong. Over a hundred have emigrated to this new field of labour and as many more as can secure release from their present engagements with local contractors are also preparing to follow.

FAILED TO STOP.

Fired on by Police.

The master of the steam launch Kwong Kim was prosecuted this morning at the Marine Court before Lt., Conway Hake, L. N., Harbour Master, for failing to stop his launch when called upon to do so by a Police officer on the 6th instant.

L. S. Carey stated that at 1.15 a.m. on May 6th he was on duty off Green Island and saw defendant's launch coming in. He approached her but she seemed to avoid him. He chased her towards the east and blew four blasts. When about 400 yards she failed to stop. He blew three more sets of four blasts and she still failed to stop. He then fired three rounds from his Winchester and the coxswain sounded four blasts in between the shots, defendant then blew three blasts astern. He then took about two minutes to come alongside. The weather was fine with no wind and it was quite calm. The launch was doing regular trips up the river.

The defendant said he came from Canton that night and did not see the Police launch. He altered his course because of the current.

The Harbour Master found the charge was proved against the defendant and fined him $25 or one months hard labour.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

(*Continued from Page 3.*)

are not satisfied with a constitution which was devised in the days when not only this section of the Empire but the whole Empire was in its infancy. We are not satisfied, we cannot be satisfied, with a constitution which disfranchises practically every man who fought in the war. Men who in the United Kingdom have a voice in shaping the very destinies of the Empire come here and find themselves voteless on the purely municipal matters which come before our Legislative Council here. I go even further than the learned mover of these resolutions, by saying that out Legislative Council is not only practically a Municipal Council: it is a Municipal Council and nothing else, and it has not all the powers of some of the Municipal Councils at home, nor of the Municipal Council in Shanghai. It cannot without prior authority from home alter the emoluments of its own public servants. Neither can it dismiss them. It cannot without prior authority from home impose differential duties or impose any restrictions or grant any privileges to any racial section of the community. It cannot deal with currency matters. It has no control whatever over Imperial matters. Its jurisdiction is territorial, and it is a restricted territorial jurisdiction. It has no control over military lands, fortifications, nor over the Military or Navy, and we seek for none of these things, with all these safeguards and additional safeguards, for every Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council here is subject to disallowance at home. What possible arguments can be raised in defence of depriving of a vote those who have had it at home? (Applause). I ask you therefore to confirm the principles enunciated in these resolutions, which will lead to Unofficial control of our legislature, a control which is more necessary now than it ever was before, for we see instances of squandermania and reckless expenditure going on all around. And these are no new principles. In 1894 a similar petition to that which we are now going to present was presented to the House of Commons, and signed by most of the leading residents of the Colony. In 1894 the revenue of the Colony was about two million dollars. Now it is about eighteen millions. In 1894 the Colony consisted of the island of Hongkong, without any motor roads, and a small promontory, Tsim Tsa Tsui. There were no New Territories. The hall in which we stand was on the sea front, and nobody could foretell the great changes that time would evolve. But now that we are a very important section of the community we say that the time is long past for us to be controlled, absolutely controlled, by not even the whim of a bundle of officials, because even the voice of the officials is guided by the voice of one man,—but that we should no longer be departmentally governed. I ask you to endorse these resolutions.

The resolutions were put *en bloc* and carried.

The Annual Report.

The Chairman then reviewed the Association's activities during the year as published in the annual report. In some of these matters they had been following the very praiseworthy lead which had been set them by their friends of the Kowloon Residents' Association. They had, in conjunction with the Kowloon Residents' Association, called that afternoon's public meeting on the question of rates and they looked forward to co-operating with them still further in the future. (Applause). He had no doubt that in the near future they would be able to find many subjects on which their co-operation would be desirable, and he trusted that the joint efforts of the two organisations would carry due weight. The membership stood at present at 288, and the committee earnestly hoped that members would assist by getting in new members and also by handing in their yearly subscription of $1 to the Honorary Treasurer, without his having to send for it. From the Statement of Accounts they would observe that the Association started the year with a balance of $174.80 and finished up with a cash balance of $269.02. He would like to express the gratitude of the Association to the Honorary Treasurer (Mr. Williams), and also to the acting honorary treasurer (Mr. Blair). He would also like to express the thanks of the committee and the members of the Association to their Honorary Secretary (Mr. L. M. Whyte), who had worked very hard in their interests during the year. He was glad to say that Mr. Whyte had kindly consented to act again as Honorary Secretary, as also had Mr. Williams as Honorary Treasurer. He moved that the Report be adopted and the Accounts passed.

Mr. Owen Hughes seconded and the report was adopted.

Election of Officers.

Mr. Owen Hughes, amidst applause, proposed the re-election of Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock as President of the Association. He need not say one word as to the amount of labour and interest Mr. Pollock had devoted to the work of the Association. (Applause). When the proper time came no doubt they would have an opportunity of expressing their thanks to him for his valuable services in the past. He could only trust that they would have the pleasure of having Mr. Pollock as President for the ensuing year. (Applause).

Mr. Dowley seconded and Hon. Mr. Pollock returned thanks for their kind proof of confidence in him. He would endeavour to deserve their approval.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of Mr. Alabaster as Vice President. Personally he was anxious to secure Mr. Alabaster's valuable services on account of the various municipal matters in connection with which they intended to extend their programme.

Mr. M. E. F. Airey seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. L. M. Whyte was re-appointed Honorary Secretary on the motion of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Pattenden, and Mr. E. A. M. Williams as Honorary Treasurer on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Joseph.

Mr. H. A. Cartwright proposed the election of the Committee.

Mr. Crawford seconded.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden proposed that Mr. Cartwright's name be added to the list.

Mr. W. Jackson seconded, and proposed later that Capt. Wheeler and Mr. Frost be appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Whyte seconded.

The committee was appointed as follows:

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. C. Forsyth, Messrs. J. P. Braga, A. G. Coppin, W. A. Dowley, C. Montague Ede, D. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, A. S. D. Cousland, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. S. Jackson, J. Owen Hughes, F. A. Joseph, A. R. Lowe, Evan Ormiston, W. L. Pattenden, S. D. Setna, D. V. Steavenson, H. A. Cartwright, B. L. Frost, and Captain F. T. Wheeler.

The meeting then terminated.

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Outside, an equinoxial storm is raging, and the girl is compelled to remain. Her adventure reaches a most natural climax, which is suddenly interrupted by the appearance of her father and her fiance, who presents the westerner as an unscrupulous rascal. He refuses to defend himself.

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A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN FROM SALT LAKE CITY.

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"I was so nervous that I did not care to go about and felt melancholy. I was fidgety and everything upset me. My heart beat irregularly and worry over this increased my nervousness. I was weak and rundown and suffered from frequent headaches. My appetite was poor and I had severe indigestion pains, especiall after my breakfast.

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CAMERA NEWS

King Alfonso of Spain is shown standing beside the gun carriage bearing the body of the late Premier Dato, who was recently assassinated in Madrid.

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GERMANS LEAVING LONDON

Above are pictured Von Simons' stenographers, brought along from Berlin, as they walked to the train in London.

Marshal Foch (left) and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, are shown alighting from their car at the meeting with the Germans in London where occupation of German cities east of the Rhine was ordered.

Viscount Milner and Lady Edward Cecil whose quiet wedding took place recently.

Resurrection of the "Living Dead" This group is part of the 64 patients pronounced healed of leprosy through the Chaulmoogra oil treatment at Kalihi Hospital, Honolulu.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS — Both Wilbur and His Testimony Were Thrown Out — BY ALLMAN

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The following shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:—

Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Aratoon Apcar	P. & O.	Calcutta	C 15
Kong Ning	Banker	Wuchow	Wharf
Soochow	B. & S.	Canton	B 24
Suiyang	B. & S.	Swatow	A 23
Chusan	B. & S.	Bangkok	C 42
Empress of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Vancouver	K. Wharf
Chinkiang	B. & S.	Shanghai	C 19
Georgii	R. V. Fleet	Quinhon	C 17
On Lee	Sze S. C.	Kongmoon	Wharf

Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure.
Lake Gitano	Pacific Mail	Singapore	11th May.
Haiching	Douglas	Swatow	, ,
Eurydus	P. & O.	Swatow	, ,
Macassa M.	Nanyo Y. K	Batavia	, ,
Waishing	J. M. & Co.	Shanghai	, ,
St. Albans	P. & O.	Moji	12th ,
Takada	P. & O.	Singapore	, ,
Drufar	K. W. Seng	Hoihow	, ,
Paling M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai	, ,
Haru M.	Dodwell	Moji	, ,
Haruna san M.	M. B. K.	Hongay	, ,
Bourbon	Thai Thuan	Saigon	, ,

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
West Jester	F W Co.	Victoria	12th May
Takada	P & O	Calcutta	12th ,
St. Albans	P & O	Japan	12th ,
Hangsang	J M Co.	Swatow	12th ,
Shidzuoka M.	N Y K	Japan	13th ,
Hailoong	D L Co.	Foochow	13th ,
Loongsang	J M & Co.	Manila	13th ,
Arratoon A.	P & O	Shanghai	13th ,
Soochow	B & S	Shanghai	13th ,
Wytheville	Ad. Line	New York	13th ,
Laisang	J M Co.	Calcutta	14th ,
Persia M.	T K K	San Francisco	14th ,
Wenatchee	Admiral Line	Seattle	14th ,
Gorontalo	J C J L	San Francisco	14th ,
Wenatchee	Ad. Line	Manila	14th ,
Suiyang	B & S	Tsingtao	14th ,
Tjikimi	J C J L	Shanghai	14th ,
Chinkiang	B & S	Shanghai	14th ,
Tean	B & S	Amoy	14th ,
Seiyo M	T K K	American Ports	15th ,
Kirin M.	N Y K	Japan	15th ,
Melville Dollar	R D Co.	New York	16th ,
Nagoya	P & O	London	16th ,
Nippon	D & Co.	Shanghai	16th ,
Bowes Castle	D & Co.	New York	16th ,
Tjisondari	J C J L	Java	16th ,
Kamo M.	N Y K	London	16th ,
E. of Japan	C P O S	Vancouver	17th ,
Penang M.	N Y K	Japan	17th ,
Haihong	D L Co.	Foochow	17th ,
Szechuen	B & S	Pakow	17th ,
Chipshing	J M Co.	Tientsin	17th ,
Tungshing	J M Co.	Swatow	17th ,
China	C M Co.	San Francisco	18th ,
Loksang	J M Co.	Hoihow	18th ,

Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Shidzuoka M	N Y K	Singapore	12th May
E. of Japan	C P O S	Shanghai	12th ,
Katuna	Bank Line	New York	13th ,
China	C M Co.	Singapore	13th ,
Kirin M.	N Y K	Singapore	14th ,
Bendoran	Gibb, L. & Co.	Singapore	14th ,
Kamo M.	N Y K	Kobe	14th ,
Melville Dollar	R D Co.	Singapore	14th ,
Bowes Castle	D & Co.	Shanghai	14th ,
West Jester	F W & Co.	Seattle	15th ,
Bellerophon	B & S	Suez	16th ,
Anchises	B & S	Suez	18th ,
Muroran M.	N Y K	Calcutta	19th ,
E. of Asia	C P O S	Yokohama	19th ,
Glengyle	J M Co.	Europe	19th ,
Glenogle	J M Co.	Europe	21st ,
Abercos	Admiral Line	Shanghai	22nd ,
Edmore	Admiral Line	Shanghai	23rd ,
Taiyo M	T K K	Shanghai	25th ,
Kaga Maru	N Y K	London	25th ,

Consignees Diary.

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Benvenue	G. L. Co.	Kowloon	May 14	May 21	May 14
Machaon	B. & S.	Holt's	May 16	May 30	Tues. & Fri.
Katuna	Bank Line	Holt's	May 18	May 25	Tues. & Fri.
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Kowloon	May 19	May 22	Tues. & Fri.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

WHIT MONDAY.

The General Post Office will be open on Monday, the 16th inst. from 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of Ordinary and Registered Correspondence and one collection of letters from Pillar Boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. The District Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the exception of Kowloon Office, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only and Sheung Wan Office which will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be one delivery from District Offices at noon.

Telegraphic Communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters & Newspapers only London 7th & 14th April.)	China	13th May
Japan & Shanghai	Kamo Maru	14th ,
Calcutta & Straits	Kirin Maru	14th ,
Shanghai	Szechuen	14th ,
Japan & Shanghai	West Jester	15th ,

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy *Shanghai, *N. China & *Japan	Arratoon Apcar	Fri., 13 inst., 7.30 a.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan	Shidzuoka Maru	Fri., 13 inst., 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hailoong	Fri., 13 inst., 11 a.m.
Foochow	Chihaya Maru	Fri., 13 inst., 1 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Loong Sang	Fri., 13 inst., 2 p.m.
Dairen, Japan, Honolulu *Canada, U.S.A., *Central & South America & *Europe via San Francisco	Persia Maru	Satur., 14 inst., Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Chinkiang	Satur., 14 inst., 11 a.m.
Amoy	Tean	Satur., 14 inst., 1 p.m.
*Straits, *Bangkok, Calcutta & *Aden	Lai Sang	Satur., 14 inst., 2 p.m.
Shanghai & North China	Sui Yang	Satur., 14 inst., 3 p.m.
Saigon	Pheumpenh	Satur., 14 inst., 5 p.m.
Straits, *Bangkok, *Ceylon, *Mauritius, *L. Marques, *South Africa, *India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, Aden, *Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Nagoya	Satur., 14 inst., Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Saturday, 14th inst., at noon.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BANKS.

ASIA BANKING CORPORATION.

(AN AMERICAN BANK)

CAPITAL ... ... U.S. $4,000,000.
SURPLUS & UNDIVIDED PROFITS: ... U.S. $1,489,000.

HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK, U.S.A.
BRANCH: SAN FRANCISCO

HEAD OFFICE FOR THE ORIENT: SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES:

CANTON, CHANGSHA, HANKOW, PEKING, MANILA, SINGAPORE, TIENTSIN

All Descriptions of banking business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, Savings Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency, U.S. Dollars, Sterling or Francs.
American Bankers Association and Guaranty Trust Company of New York Travellers Cheques sold by us.
Payable throughout the world.

D. M. BIGGAR,
Manager.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital..$60,000,000.00
Paid up Capital..... 12,279,800.00
Reserve Funds 7,796,023.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING

HONGKONG BRANCH: 20/21 Connaught Road Central Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in Japan, New York, San Francisco, Singapore and Manila.
London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.
The Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
New York Bankers:—The Irving National Bank.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Special facilities for Home Exchange.
Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 3 months 3% per annum
For 6 months 4% per annum
For 12 months 5% per annum

TSUYEE PEI
Manager.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—
No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG.
Established 1919.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$2,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....500,000.00

DIRECTORS:

Mr. Pong Wai Ting, Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po,
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Wong Yun Tong,
Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Chan Ching Shek,
Mr. Ng Chang Lok, Mr. Kan Chiu Nam.

Chief Manager, Mr. Kan Tong Po.
Asst. Manager, Mr. Li Tse Fong.

BRANCHES & AGENCIES:—

LONDON	NEW YORK
SHANGHAI	SAN FRANCISCO
KOBE	YOKOHAMA
NAGASAKI	SAIGON
SINGAPORE	PENANG
TIENTSIN	HANKOW
MANILA	BATAVIA
SAMARANG	SOURABAYA

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on Savings Account Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, October 1st 1920.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office: 6, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Hankow Branch: Russian Concession.

DOMESTIC & FOREIGN BANKING.
SERVICE PROMPT.
Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear Interest at Rates 2%, 4%, 5%, respectively.

J. USING LY,
Manager.
Hongkong, 7th July, 1919.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.,

司公限有行業商華

HEAD OFFICE

Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road.
General Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.
The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

S. C. LAU,
Chief Manager.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK)

Subscribed Capital	F. 150,000,000
Paid-up Capital	F. 75,000,000
Reserve Funds	F. 50,000,000
Deposits	F. 885,000,000

The Chinese Government owns one-third of the Capital.

HEAD OFFICE:
74 Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.

BRANCHES:

Antwerp	London	Shanghai
Batavia	Lyon	Singapore
Bordeaux	Marseilles	Swatow
Canton	Moukden	Tientsin
Foochow	New York	Tsinanfu
Haiphong	Pekin	Vladivostock
Hankow	Phnom Penh	Yokohama
Hanoi	Saigon	Yunnanfu
Hongkong		

BANKERS:

IN FRANCE: Societe General pour favoriser le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
IN LONDON: London Joint City and Midland Bank Limited.
IN SAN-FRANCISCO: Crocker Nation Bank.

Correspondents in the Chief Commercial Centres of the World.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Special facilities for French exchange.

M. MONTARGIS,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1921.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

(FRENCH BANK.)

Head Office: 15 bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

Capital	Francs 40,000,000
Reserves	50,000,000.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES.

Bangkok	Hongkong	Saigon
Battambang	Monts te	Shanghai
Canton	Noumea	Singapore
Djibouti	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Phom-Pehn	Vladivostock
Hanoi	Pondichery	

BANKERS.

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial Societe Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincia and Union Bank of England Ltd., Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V MARSOT,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, October 21st, 1915.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E. C. 3.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	1,800,000
Paid Up Capital	1,050,000
Reserve Fund	1,100,000

BANKERS.

The Bank of England.
The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Karachi
Calcutta	Kota Bharu
Colombo	Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Madras
Galle	New York
Hongkong	Penang
Howrah	Rangoon
Kandy	Shanghai
Port Louis (Mauritius)	Singapore

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. L. FANDES,
Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1919.

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
St. George's Building, Hongkong.

Chairman of Board of Directors
Mr. Wong Shiu Ham
Chief Manager...Mr. L. S. Holum
Asst Manager...Mr. K. T. Wong
Hongkong Manager
Mr. I. P. Allen

Foreign exchange and general banking business transacted.
Current, Savings, and Fixed deposits bear interests at rates 2% 4% and 5% per annum respectively

L. S. HOLUM,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1920.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG.

Paid-up Capital ... $15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling... ... ... £2,500,000
Silver $21,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

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Hon. Mr. A. G. STEPHEN
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Acting Manager Shanghai ...G. H. Stitt, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS:
LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LIMITED.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1920.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum monthly balances at $3½ per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£3,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....£3,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....£3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter period at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1914.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE. HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 Months 3% per annum.
For 6 Months 4% per annum.
For 12 Months 4½% per annum.

LOOK POON SHAN,
Chief Manager.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

Capital (fully paid up)... ... Y.100,000,000
Reserve Fund ... ... Y. 53,000,000

HEAD OFFICE, YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies at

Batavia	Kai Yuen	Rangoon
Bombay	Kobe	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	London	Saigon
Calcutta	Lyons	San Francisco
Changchun	Los Angeles	Seattle
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Shanghai
Fengtien Mukden	Nagasaki	Singapore
Hankow	Newchwang	Shimonoseki
Honolulu	Osaka	Sydney
Tokyo	New York	Tientsin
Harbin	Peking	Tsinanfu
	Vladivostock	Tsingtau

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed period at rates to be obtained on application.

T. NISHIYAMA.
Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1921.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS: U. S. $10,000,000
UNDIVIDED PROFITS: U. S. $ 4,015,000
(Owned by the National City Bank of New York.)

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York

BRANCHES:

LONDON: 36 Bishopsgate, E. C.
LYONS: 27 Place Tolozan
SAN FRANCISCO: 232 Montgomery Street.
CHINA: Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong Peking Shanghai, Tientsin,
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Puerto Plata, San Pedro de Macoris, Sanchez Santiago Santo Domingo, Barahona, San Francisco de Macoris,
INDIA: Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon,
JAPAN: Kobe, Yokohama,
JAVA: Batavia, Sourabaya,
PANAMA: Colon, Panama,
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS: Cebu Manila
SPAIN: Barcelona, Madrid,
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS: Singapore

BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.

ARGENTINA: Buenos Aires, Rosario,
BELGIUM: Antwerp, Brussels,
BRAZIL: Pernambuco, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, San Paulo.
CHILE: Santiago, Valparaiso,
COLOMBIA: Barranquilla, Bogota, Medellin.
CUBA: Havana and 22 cities in Cuba,
ENGLAND: London.
ITALY: Genoa,
PERU: Lima.
PORTO RICO: Ponce, San Juan,
RUSSIA: Moscow, Petrograd, (temporarily closed).
SOUTH AFRICA: Cape Town,
URUGUAY: Montevideo,
VENEZUELA: Caracas,

All descriptions of banking business transacted.
Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed deposits in local or foreign currencies at rates to be ascertained on application.

GEORGE HUGO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1921.

PACIFIC SHIPPING.

CPOS

HONGKONG to VANCOUVER.
via Shanghai, Nagasaki,(*Moji) Kobe & Yokohama.

Steamers	From Hongkong	Due Vancouver
Empress of Japan	May 17	June 7
Empress of Asia	May 26	June 13
* Montcalm	June 14	July 8
Empress of Russia	June 25	July 11
Empress of Japan	July 13	Aug. 3
Empress of Asia	July 21	Aug. 8

THREE TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAINS DAILY
Sleeping Car Reservations arranged.

CONNECTING STEAMERS
CANADA to LIVERPOOL.

	Sailing.	Due.
Metagama	June 16	June 25
Empress of France	June 21	June 28
Metagama	July 15	July 24
Empress of France	July 19	July 26
Empress of France	Aug. 13	Aug. 20

Allotment of accommodation on these steamers held here and through tickets issued. Early application necessary. Other sailings to London, Southampton, Glasgow, Antwerp and Havre. For fares apply to

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HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO.
VIA SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.
"THE PATHWAY OF THE SUN."

	Steamers.	Tons.	Leave Hongkong.
* †	PERSIA MARU	9,000	May 14th, 10.30 a.m.
	TAIYO MARU	22,000	May 27th.
†	SIBERIA MARU	20,000	June 10th.
	TENYO MARU	22,000	June 21st.
	KOREA MARU	20,000	July 1st.
	SHINYO MARU	22,000	July 16th.

† Calling at Dairen. * Omitting Shanghai.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.
HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO.
VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, HILO, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, SALINA CRUZ, BALBOA, CALLAO, MOLLENDO, ARICA & IQUIQUE.
THENCE BY TRANS-ANDEAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AYRES.

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong.
SEIYO MARU	14,000	May 15th.
RAKUYO MARU	17,500	June 10th.
* CHOYO MARU	——	July 11th.

* Cargo only.
For full information regarding passengers, freight, and sailings apply to:—
Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager,
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Agents at Canton. Messrs. T. E. GRIFFITH, LTD.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC
GREEN STAR LINE

Operating Far Eastern services for account of the
UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD.

TO NEW YORK & BALTIMORE.
"LORETTA" ... ... 1st June.

TO LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO (via HONOLULU.)
† "WEST CARMONA" ... ... 10th June.

TO VANCOUVER & SEATTLE (via MANILA).
† "WEST ISON" ... ... 25th May.

† Also, cargo accepted for Transhipment at San Francisco and or Seattle to weekly sailings for
NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH, NORFOLK, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK & BOSTON.
Through Bills of Lading issued to all U.S. and Canadian Overland Common Points.
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CHINA MAIL S.S. CO., LTD.
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S.S. "NANKING"	S.S. "NILE"	S.S. "CHINA"
15,000 tons	11,000 Tons	10,200 Tons

SAILING FROM
HONGKONG for SAN FRANCISCO
via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu

S.S. "CHINA"	S.S. "NANKING"	S.S. "NILE"
May 18th.	June 15th.	July 13th.

SAILING FROM
HONGKONG for MANILA
S.S. "NANKING" - - - June 4th.

SAILING FROM
HONGKONG for SINGAPORE

S.S. "NILE"	S.S. "CHINA"
June 25th	22nd July.

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PACIFIC SHIPPING

DOLLAR LINE

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
FOR NEW YORK.

Steamers.	Sailing Date.
"MELVILLE DOLLAR" ... VIA PANAMA	... MAY 17TH.
"M. S. DOLLAR" ... VIA SUEZ	... JUNE 10TH.

FOR VANCOUVER.
"MELVILLE DOLLAR" ... ... MAY 17TH.

Through Bills of Lading issued to all Over Land Common Points in the United States and Canada.

For Particulars and Rates apply to:—
THE ROBERT DOLLAR Co.
GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING TEL. 792.
THIRD FLOOR .. 795.

THE ADMIRAL LINE
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Operating following U.S. Shipping Board Steamers.
PASSENGER & FREIGHT SERVICE.
FOR MANILA.

S.S. Wenatchee ... ... Sailing May 14th.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE.
Calling Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

		From Hongkong	Arrive Seattle
S.S. Wenatchee	... ...	May 21.	June 10.
,, Edmore	... (Freight only) ...	May 24.	July 10.
,, Edmore	... (Freight only) ...	June 20.	July 25.
,, Wenatchee	... ...	July 25.	Aug. 16
,, Keystone State	... ...	Aug. 13.	Sept. 2.

FOR PORTLAND DIRECT.
Calling Kobe & Yokohama.

S.S. Abercos	... ... For Manila	May 23.
,, Abercos	... Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama ...	June 2.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Overland common points Passengers and Freight Particulars.

THE ADMIRAL LINE
Telephones 2477 & 2478. 5th Floor Hotel Mansions.

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THE PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
REGULAR SERVICE
To & From
SAIGON SINGAPORE-SUMATRA JAVA PORTS.
OPERATING THE FOLLOWING U.S.S.B. STEAMERS

LAKE ONAWA	May 25.
OLYMONT	June 20.

Through bills of lading issued to all United States, Pacific Coast and Overland Points.
For full Particulars and Rates Apply to—
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5th. FLOOR HOTEL MANSIONS BUILDING.
Tel. Add.: Admiraline. Telephone 2477 & 2478.

SERVICE TO UNITED STATES.

FOR NEW YORK and BOSTON.

WYTHEVILLE	About May 13th.
WINYAH	About June 2nd.

For freight space and particulars apply to:—
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THE ADMIRAL LINE
AGENTS.
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WATERHOUSE LINE.
REGULAR TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE
Operating U. S. Shipping Board steamers
Between
SEATTLE-TACOMA-VICTORIA-VANCOUVER
and
CHINA, JAPAN and PHILIPPINE ISLAND PORTS.
"WEST JESTER" 12th May.
Further sailings to be announced later.
Through B/Ls issued to all Overland Common points in U.S. and Canada.
For rates and full particulars apply to
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1st Floor, Hotel Mansions.
Telephone 3507.

PACIFIC SHIPPING.

NEW YORK DIRECT.
Joint service of the
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(Ocean S. S. Co., Ld., & China Mutual S. N. Co., Ld.)
AND
AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE
(Ellerman & Bucknall S. S. Co., Ld.)
FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.
Sailings from Hongkong.

"KNIGHT COMPANION"	... via Panama Canal	... 27th May.
† "CITY OF SHANGHAI"	... via Suez Canal	... ... 5th June.
† "CITY OF MADRAS"	... via Suez Canal	... ... 15th June.

† Calls at Boston.
Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.
Subject to change without notice.
For freight and particulars apply to
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HONGKONG & CANTON REISS & CO. CANTON

T. K. K.
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
S.S. "TAIYO MARU"
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FOR
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Tonnage: 22,000 Displacement 14,503 Gross
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REGULAR FREIGHT & PASSENGER SERVICE
BETWEEN
KEELUNG, HONGKONG & HAIPHONG
Sailing from Hongkong.
FOR HAIPHONG via Pakhoi
S.S. "HOZUI MARU" ... ... on or about 24th May.
FOR KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy
S.S. "TAIKWA MARU" ... ... on or about 24th May.
For further particulars, please apply to—
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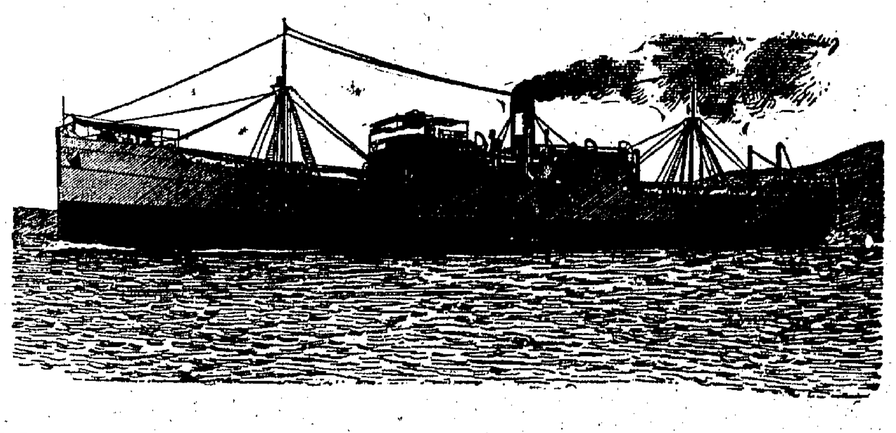

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

COMPLETION OF BRANCH RAILWAY.
The Hsikung-Loyang branch of the Lunghai Railway his been completed.

COTTON-GROWING IN CHINA.
The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has issued instructions to all the Provincial Industrial Bureaus to popularize cotton-growing in their administrative areas. Cotton-seeds and directions for cultivating them will be issued free of charge.

OIL MILLS AT TIENTSIN.
The oil mills in Tientsin are all of recent establishment. Two mills were opened at the beginning of this year; the "North China Oil Mill" and the "National Oil Mill". There are altogether eight mills in the locality, four owned by Japanese, one by an Italian, and three by Chinese. One of the latter, however, has now closed its business.

HYDRO-ELECTRICITY FOR PEKING.
The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has received a petition from a Tientsin merchant applying for permission to start an electric company. His plan is to make use of the hydraulic powers of the Yungting River to generate sufficient electricity for the supply of Tientsin and Peking. The petition is to be discussed by the Cabinet.

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MANILA MARKETS.
Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd, Manila in their circular of April 15, state:—Hemp prices have advanced considerably during the fortnight, owing to America having bought moderately, and an improved market also in the U. K.—Pressure of Cuban sugar being hurried to the U. S. in order to obtain entry to that market under the old tariff, has resulted in prices declining in New York about ½ c/. per lb., our latest quotation from there being equivalent to 5¾ cts. l. t. Market locally is rather quieter, in sympathy with the decline in the U. S.—The Copra market is quiet at unchanged prices—The Coal market is without any new feature—During the last fortnight, the rice market has ruled firmer and prices have advanced slightly. The demand is principally for red class rice owing to same being much cheaper than is asked for white grain. The prices for paddy have slightly improved, though there are few buyers on account of the stringency of money.—The American market for flour has declined considerably since our last, and the general opinion is that the bottom has by no means been reached.

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THE RENTS QUESTION.

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stitutional reform. I do not know whether Mr McGuigan has carefully read our resolutions on constitutional reform. Purposely they merely embody certain general principles and I do not think really that there is anything in the resolutions which I shall put before the later meeting this evening that will be in any way in conflict with the proposals which Mr McGuigan has laid down.

Mr McGuigan: What about the special representation of the Chamber of Commerce?

The Chairman: With that one exception, the representation of the Chamber of Commerce, which I am afraid I shall have to leave over for the moment to be dealt with later on. I am glad to say that is the only exception that Mr McGuigan can point out to us. I think that we have listened this afternoon to very cogent and well-reasoned arguments against the proposed increase of rates. (Applause). I think, and in that respect I am more hopeful than Mr McGuigan, that these cogent and well-reasoned arguments, delivered at this large and representative public meeting, will have weight with the Government—(applause)—because I think that the Government, having listened as they did listen recently to arguments with reference to certain portions of the Stamp Bill, cannot logically refuse to listen and give due weight to these arguments which have been brought forward here this afternoon at this meeting. With regard to the question of how the Government is to make the revenue and expenditure meet, I should like to say a few words to you, because it seems to me that so far as this Colony is concerned we are not by any means in such a low financial position as to render it necessary to impose this 7 per cent. increase on rates at all. (Applause). As you are aware, the Government will shortly be realising from the sale of the Old Post Office site a large sum of money, probably amounting to something exceeding $1,500,000—an amount between one-and-a-half and two millions of dollars. Furthermore, as we recently saw from the *Government Gazette* of 22nd April of this year, the Government has actually invested in Government stocks a reserve of very nearly four and a half million dollars, and therefore it seems to me that it cannot be said that this Colony is financially on its beam ends in the true sense of the word. And again there is another point referred to by my hon. friend, Mr Lau Chu Pak, and that is the duty under the new Stamp Bill, and I quite agree with Mr Lau Chu Pak in thinking that it is probable that the Government, as the revenue comes in under that Bill, will be surprised by the amount of the revenue received. I believe that it will turn out to be a good deal more productive than the Government originally anticipated. Mr McGuigan has suggested that perhaps we ought to propose to the Government some form of fresh taxation. I had hardly intended to touch upon that point this afternoon, but as it has been raised perhaps I may mention one tax which seems to me an eminently fair one for the Government to impose, and that is a tax on passengers coming into this Colony by ocean going steamers. As we are all aware, such a tax exists in the Philippine Islands, and it is easy of collection. It is only a question of making the passenger pay a small sum more when he takes his passage for Hongkong, and it is surely fair that tourists who come amongst us and who have the pleasure of going round the Island or going round the New Territories on our motor roads, should pay something for the enjoyment of the view. (Applause). I think the other points have been so fully dealt with by other speakers that I need not enlarge on them, and therefore I will now put to this meeting the resolution moved by Captain Wheeler and seconded by Hon. Mr Lau Chu Pak.

The resolution was carried unanimously, which concluded the meeting.

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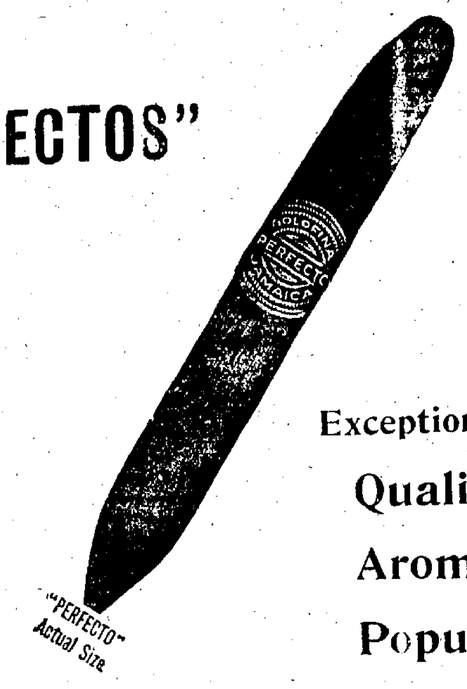

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Highest open air Temperature on the 11th 85
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T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H. K. Observatory, May 12.

TIDE TABLE.

9th to 15th May, 1921.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Mon.	9	m 9 33	7.5	m 3 33	2.5
		11 19a	4.9	4 54a	0.5
Tues.	10	m 10 14	7.5	m 4 8	2.7
				5 9a	0.5
Wed.	11	m 0 22	4.5	m 4 44	3.0
		m 10 59	7.4	6 36a	0.6
Thur.	12	m 1 31	4.4	m 5 23	3.3
		m 11 9	7.2	7 36a	0.9
Fri.	13	m 2 48	4.3	m 6 6	3.6
		0 50a	6.7	8 47a	1.2
Sat.	14	m 4 0	4.4	m 7 15	3.9
		2 16a	6.1	9 58a	1.4
Sun.	15	m 5 1	4.6	m 9 16	4.2
		3 53a	5.7	11 0a	1.6

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ENTERTAINMENT.

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CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN.

London, May 11.

Prince Hirohito was given a great reception in the City to-day when he received an address of welcome from the Corporation at the Guildhall. He later lunched with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House. Prince Hirohito, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Prince Kanin, proceeded from Buckingham Palace at noon in bright sunshine, through streets beflagged and lined with cheering crowds, to the Guildhall, where he was received by the Lord Mayor and sheriffs, the distinguished company including the Duke of York, the Duke of Connaught, Rt. Hon. Mr. E. Shortt, M.P., Prince Hirohito's suite, Japanese peers, members of the Embassy, officers of the Japanese squadron and Japanese businessmen. Replying to the Lord Mayor's most cordial speech of welcome, Prince Hirohito emphasised the tremendous responsibility upon the survivors of the war to redeem the bloodshed of the millions of their fellowmen by establishing forever the reign of peace and justice. He paid a tribute to Britain, the faithful ally of Japan, whose friendship the Japanese never found wanting in the great task of consolidating the peace of the Orient.

HARD ON HONGKONG.

London, May 11.

At a meeting of the National Council on Venereal Diseases, to which the Mission to the Far East presented its report, Mrs. Neville Rolf declared that she was never so ashamed of being an Englishwoman as she was in Hongkong, where the registered infant death rate was eight hundred higher than the birth rate, despite British occupation for eighty years.

THE REPARATIONS ULTIMATUM.

London, May 11.

Herr Sthamer called on Mr. Lloyd George and intimated Germany's unconditional acceptance of the ultimatum.

Berlin, May 11.

The difficulties of forming a Cabinet owing to party squabbles has only been solved by the threat of Herr Ebert to resign the presidency.

Berlin, May 11.

The Berlin Reichstag has adopted the ultimatum by 221 votes against 175.

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